

HOUSE BILL 482

By Boyd

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,  
Chapter 14; Title 40 and Title 65, Chapter 35,  
relative to destruction of property.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-411, is amended by deleting subsection (d) and substituting:

(d) A violation of this section shall be punished as theft under § 39-14-103, and graded in accordance with § 39-14-105. However, if:

(1) The actual damages caused by the violation are in an amount less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), then the punishment for a violation of this section must be no less than a Class E felony; and

(2) The actual damages caused by the violation are in an amount of at least one thousand dollars (\$1,000), then the punishment for a violation of this section must be no less than a Class C felony.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.